

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/506,404	VAN CASTEREN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Tuyet Vo	2821	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/09/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

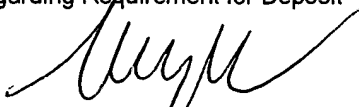
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>9/01/2004</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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TUYET VO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAIL ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as following:

In the specification, page 1, after the title and before line 1, insert --CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS--;

make a new line by inserting -- This application claims priority to International Application No. PCT/IB03/00495 published in the German language on February 07, 2003, which claims the benefit of priority to European Patent Office (EPO) Application No. 02075906.4, which was filed on March 07, 2002.--;

insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION-- in a next line;
page 2, before line 1, insert --OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

page 3, before line 1, insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--; and

after line 4, insert --DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

In claim, claim 1, line 3, delete "the" before "poles".

The above noted amendment has been added in order to provide a clarification in the specification and claim language as well.

Reasons For Allowance

1. Claims 1-6 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to disclose a specific circuit arrangement for improvement of high pressure discharge lamp equipped with input terminals for connection to the poles of a supply voltage source and a DC-DC-converter coupled to the input terminals, wherein the DC-DC converter and comprises an inductive element L1, a unidirectional element D1, a switching element S1, output terminals, a first control circuit coupled to a control electrode of the switching element generating a control signal for rendering the switching element S1 alternately conductive and for non-conductive, a second control circuit, coupled with the first control circuit for controlling the level of an output voltage of the DC-DC converter that is present between the output terminals, a DC-AC-converter coupled to the output terminals and equipped with lamp connection terminals for generating an AC lamp current out of the output voltage, so that the second control circuit is further equipped with a state control circuit for changing the level at which the output voltage is controlled from a first level associated with the starting of the high pressure discharge lamp to a second level associated with the stationary operation of the discharge lamp as required in claim 1.
3. The remaining dependent claims are allowable for at least above reason.
4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants' disclosure. None of recorded prior arts stands alone or combination with others discloses all limitation required in claim invention.

Correspondence

Any comments considered necessarily by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

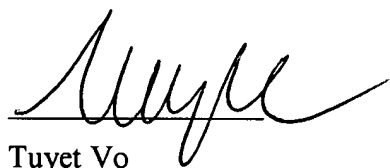
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuyet Vo whose telephone number is (571) 272 1830. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tim Callahan can be reached on (571) 272 1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding assigned is (571) 273-8300 for regular communications and for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571 272 2800.

Information regarding the status of an application or status information for publishing/unpublishing applications may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at toll free 866-217-9197.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tuyet Vo', is written over a horizontal line.

Tuyet Vo

Primary Examiner

August 21, 2006